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Re: Communication Bulletin #111
Announcement of DDH PRTF

The Department of Health and Human Services has made the decision to close the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) at Dorothea Dix Hospital by June 30, 2010. With growth in community PRTF capacity (394 community PRTF beds at 60-70% occupancy), the similarity of the clinical profile of the adolescents being served at Dix to those served in the community, and with the potential additional capacity that will be available at Whitaker School in Butner, DHHS has determined that there is not a clinical reason to continue to operate the DDH PRTF.

Admissions to the PRTF will be stopped immediately. Current patients will be discharged or transferred to other services by the end of June. The DDH PRTF staff will work collaboratively with patient families/guardians and LMEs to develop appropriate discharge or transition plans for the 12 adolescents currently in the program.

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